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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

CORNISH, N. H.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF CORNISH,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1887.

Inventory of the Town, April 1, 1886.

275 Polls	$27,500 00
Real estate, resident and non-resident	379,881 00
381 horses	20,402 00
1 mule	40 00
180 oxen	9,772 00
522 cows	12,574 00
308 other neat stock	5,704 00
4567 sheep	8,284 00
13 hogs	72 00
11 carriages	656 00
3 owners of bank stock	4,600 00
39 owners of money at interest	24,906 00
8 owners of stock in trade	4,276 00
13 factories and mills	6,160 00
1 toll bridge	10,000 00
Total valuation of the town	$514,827 00

The rate of taxation on each hundred dollars was $1.94 in money, $0.36 in labor on highways.

The rate of remitted taxes was as follows:—In school District No. 1, $0.67; No. 2, $0.72; No. 3, $1.25; No. 4, $0.56; No. 5, $0.59; No. 6, $1.44; No. 7, $0.82; No. 8, $0.83; No. 9, $1.24; No. 10, $0.35; No. 11, $1.02; No. 12, $1.28; No. 13, $0.84; No. 14, $0.51; No. 15, $0.86; No. 16, $0.51.

Amount of Tax Assessed.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law, by vote of the town, to be paid in money, was as follows:

For state tax	$1196 00	
For county tax	1188 04	
For support of schools	1046 50	
To defray town charges	800 00	
For town record building	800 00	
For decoration day	50 00	
For repairing Terry's road	150 00	
For school houses and fixtures	4432 36	
Percentage on the above	324 74	
Dog tax	77 00	
Non-resident highway tax	186 23	
Unworked highway tax of 1885, payable in money	41 15	
Add for error in taxes assessed	3 40	
		$10295 42

The Selectmen have received and paid into the treasury the following additional sums:

Of the state, interest on literary fund	$113 28
Of the state, railroad tax	162 69
Of the state, savings bank tax	573 39
Interest on school fund	21 39
Interest on Foss fund, for support of poor	112 80
Received of county, for support of county paupers	342 27

Received of the Town of Lebanon, for the support of Caroline Jackson...	177 10	
Received of school district No. 1.....	8 33	
" " No. 2.....	12 54	
" " No. 3.....	13 98	
" Abel W. Fairbanks, bill of costs.....	35 50	
Received error on order overdrawn.....	91	
Building material sold.....	13 25	
		$1587 43

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer as follows:

For Support of Schools.

	$1213 63	
		$1213 63

For Support of County Paupers.

George C. Wilson.....	$76 75	
Clarisa Davis.....	65 36	
Willie J. Goodwin.....	48 43	
Emma Fairbanks and two children	48 33	
Julia M. Bartlett and child.....	13 40	
Three Tondro children.....	104 00	
		$356 27

For Support of Town Paupers.

Albert Kelley.....	$124 20	
Lucy Fellows.....	121 50	
Mary Burbank.....	41 64	
Stratton K. Spaulding.....	6 00	
Caroline Jackson.....	177 10	
		$470 44

For Plank, Timber, Tile and Stone.

Wallace L. Bugbee	$3 60
O. A. Kelley	2 59
"	3 00
A. L. Barker	7 20
George L. Deming	27 18
H. A. Weld	26 18
James F. Tasker	2 88
C. H. Andrews	6 00
A. C. Chadbourne	2 98
N. A. Deming	9 00
E. C. Howard & Co	15 45
W. E. Deming	6 66
Henry W. Walker	4 70
Lyman Bartlett	3 49
H. Leslie	3 00
Edward Bryant	13 03
W. W. Cole	12 41
W. W. Poole	6 90
E. O. Day	28 85
S. A. Tracy	8 36
Freeman A. Johnson	2 25
Albert Penniman	1 93
Charles Mason	4 20
G. E. Bugbee	5 37
Hiram A. Day	31 30
Worth C. Jordan	2 00
Rollin Amsden	48 40
W. H. Harlow	1 50
Henry Gould	1 10
R. Amsden	3 60
C. F. Huggins	4 10
A. W. Fairbanks	3 37
Alfred Fitch	2 34
H. H. York	1 00
Ed. E. Johnson	4 76
H. E. Grannis	25 11
Geo. L. Deming	1 62
W. W. Cole	88
W. C. Hart	4 20
Edward Bryant	2 10

H. A. Weld	$6 80	
L. Martindale	2 50	
H. W. Deming	8 30	
E. S. Deming	5 78	
Thomas Brothers	65	
		$368 62

For Labor on Highways and Bridges.

Frank L. Kimball	$16 84
Wallace L. Bugbee	1 50
O. A. Kelley	6 65
Frank L. Kimball	4 00
Clayton B. Hilliard	4 50
O. A. Kelley	17 61
Daniel D. Bartlett	5 88
James F. Tasker	4 87
H. Leslie	2 06
Levi R. Dole	2 87
Lemuel Benway	4 00
Edward T. Ayers	3 00
E. O. Goward	3 18
L. D. Spaulding	9 00
Seth R. Cole	2 50
G. D. Kenyon	3 28
Henry W. Walker	10 37
A. L. Barker	21 77
Edward Bryant	25 61
W. W. Poole	45 10
E. S. Deming	9 50
G. E. Bugbee	22 88
W. D. Lear	3 80
W. H. Child	5 88
Alfred Fitch	2 95
A. L. Barker	3 10
John Q. York	7 24
W. C. Hart	1 25
Maria Weld	74
E. O. Cole	35
N. Miller	35
M. J. Bartlett	3 18

O. A. Kelley	1 25	
C. E. Jackson	3 00	
E. A. Churchill	1 22	
E. S. Deming	3 75	
A. W. Fairbanks	8 67	
		$272 70

For Breaking Roads.

H. K. Curtis	$ 3 50
Sanford Colburn	3 60
Lemuel Benway	2 56
Frank L. Kimball	10 65
J. Raynsford	9 15
Wallace L. Bugbee	10 40
Frank H. Cass	6 20
L. F. Leavitt	4 30
E. S. Deming	10 00
O. A. Kelley	7 00
George P. Williams	6 18
Charles H. Deming	4 60
John Conlin	5 10
T. A. Allen	2 00
Edgar Churchill	8 30
L. D. Spaulding	5 00
W. E. Westgate	2 75
Albert Penniman	7 00
G. E. Bugbee	5 75
Ed. E. Johnson	2 64
John Conlin	9 20
G. D. Kenyon	7 05
A. C. Chadbourne	2 40
John Q. York	1 60
Lyman Bartlett	4 83
Edward Bryant	2 75
E. S. Leavitt	3 40
George Sweet	5 25
Edmund Curtis	4 82
H. K. Curtis	3 75
D. J. Spaulding	2 59
O. A. Kelley	17 90

Sanford Colburn	2 75	
W. W. Poole	16 76	
E. A. Churchill	4 20	
F. H. Cass	14 50	
L. F. Leavitt	1 90	
Joseph Raynsford	4 80	
G. H. Ayers	3 85	
Julius Terry	11 45	
C. E. Jackson	3 00	
A. W. Fairbanks	2 25	
		$247 68

For Incidental Expenses.

Journal Co., printing town reports	$22 00
Josiah B. Sanborn, town officers, highway surveyor and collector's books	6 50
W. E. Westgate, pamphlet laws, and stationery	3 85
H. W. Parker, retaining fee	10 00
H. K. Curtis, damage to wagon	2 50
J. A. Kendrick, over tax, 1885	1 00
W. H. Sisson, insurance on school houses	33 00
J. C. Enright, surveying Terry's road	5 00
J. F. Raynsford, land damage for Terry's road	45 00
John C. Boynton, record book, town officer and express	5 35
W. H. Sisson, expenses for memorial day	50 00
W. E. Westgate, sections for road machine & express	8 55
L. Martindale, building and repairing Terry's road	65 15
C. O. Eastman, insurance on town house	4 00
E. S. Deming, services with road machine	42 00
H. A. Weld, printing tax bills	1 50
James F. Tasker, steps to town house	2 00
C. H. Weed, County tax	1188 04
George Sweet, building over two culverts	12 85
Charles A. Jackson, land for record building	25 00
Richmond Rawson, painting and repairing road machine	6 00
Amos Richardson, gravel for highway	3 00
E. S. Deming, services with road machine	75 00
Harvey S. Tasker, estate of, over tax	2 29

W. E. Westgate, sections for road machine, bolts and freight	9	00
N. A. Deming, building stone culvert	13	75
George P. Williams, gravel for highway	1	50
W. E. Westgate, for record building	350	00
Henry L. Fletcher, building road	12	00
William H. Sisson, printing check lists	9	00
Henry W. Walker, gravel for highway	2	00
John Q. York, watering trough	2	00
Herbert Deming, treasurer of School Board, books, stationery, notices, freight and express bills	25	35
W. E. Harlow, over tax, 1885		83
F. S. Weston, over tax, 1885		87
Edward Hilliard, over tax	1	59
Henry A. Weld, non-resident highway tax, paid in labor, 1885	33	72
J. E. Spaulding, stove wood	2	66
Albert Weld, taking care of tomb for 1884, '85, '86	6	00
George Sweet, over tax	1	11
H. A. Weld, gravel for highway	4	00
Charles Tyler watering trough	2	00
John C. Boynton, recording marriages, births, deaths	6	75
John C. Boynton, notifying jurors	4	00
H. A. Weld, non-resident highway tax, paid in labor	126	17
E. J. Russ, damage on highway	1	00
George W. Hunt, returning births and deaths	3	25
W. Stuart, watering trough	3	00
A. P. Messer, "	2	00
H. A. Weld, collector, school house tax remitted on Collector's book	4456	54
Dana Moody, over tax	1	43
S. M. Sherburne, blacksmithing for record building	3	50
E. O. Day, 1½ cords of stove wood	6	00
R. Rawson, mowing cemetery at Flat	1	00
H. A. Weld, non-resident highway tax, paid in labor, 1884		91
A. W. Fairbanks, watering trough	3	00
A. W. Fairbanks, gravel for highway	4	00
Edwin H. Smith, watering trough	2	00
Chester Pike, "	2	00
Wm. M. Evarts "	2	00
E. S. Deming, services with road machine	59	00

E. S. Deming, repairing road machine	$2 22
Solon A. Carter, State tax	1196 00
W. E. Westgate, record building	450 00
W. L. Bugbee, watering trough	3 00
W. D. Lear, "	3 00
W. H. Harlow, "	2 00
T. A. Allen, "	1 50
Lem Benway, labor in new cemetery at the Flat	3 50
W. H. Sisson, oiling and repairing hearse harness	1 65
C. E. Jackson, labor on record building	20 25
A. E. Wellman, " "	20 00
C. B. Williamson, estate of, damage on highway '85	250 00
Freeman & O'Neil, interior house finish for record building	47 42
R. Amsden, material for record building	8 30
H. W. Parker, Attorney's fees in Fairbanks' case	48 50
" " Williamson "	19 00
" Attorney's fees in Mc Cullough & Nichols' case	16 00
" Attorney's fees in Jacobs' case	16 00
" " Ferry case	8 00
" " State case	8 00
" making deed	1 00
W. E. Westgate, cash paid for recording deed and writing election act	1 00
W. E. Westgate, cash paid for expenses in the Fairbanks' case	20 41
W. E. Westgate, services as law agent	27 50
R. B. Ripley, watering trough	1 00
W. E. Westgate, time and expenses to Newport once, Lebanon once, Claremont twice	10 00
Geo. E. Hilliard, watering trough for 1885 and 1886	4 00
W. E. Westgate, stationery and postage	1 59
" check for state tax and post-office order	1 00
G. D. Kenyon, snowing bridge, 1886 and 1887	4 00
Albert Weld, services with hearse	28 00
	$9,008 35

Sheep killed by Dogs.

Lizzie Carroll	$4 00	
Samuel Putnam	4 00	
Ed. E. Johnson	4 00	
Edward Bryant	5 00	
S. A. Tracy	8 00	
A. S. Sisson	10 00	
Paul Davidson	6 00	
H. K. Curtis	6 00	
E. J. Russ	4 00	
Mrs. J. W. Pierce	4 00	
Jonathan Wyman	6 00	
		$61 00

Abatement of Taxes

Asked for by Henry A. Weld, Collector, 1884.

Edward W. Collins	$1 31	
Harvey D. Rawson	1 31	
W. F. Terry	1 00	
Fred H. Newman	31	
Arthur Fairbanks	27	
		$4 20

Asked for by Henry A. Weld, Collector, 1885.

E. W. Collins	$1 18	
Martin Davis	83	
Leonard Spaulding	83	
W. F. Terry	1 18	
Thomas Willett	43	
Deborah Harlow	1 52	
		$5 97

Asked for by Henry A. Weld, Collector, 1886.

Sarah Chase	$1 43	
		$1 43

For Town Officers' Services.

Paul Davidson, services as supervisor,	$ 10 00	
W. H. Sisson, " "	5 00	
Seth R. Cole, " "	6 00	
John C. Boynton, services as town clerk,	35 00	
Henry A. Weld, services as collector	75 00	
Lemuel Martindale, services as trustee of Foss fund	10 00	
William Balloch, services as auditor of school board	1 50	
William Tandy, services as auditor of school board	1 50	
Jacob Beal, services as supervisor .	8 00	
George H. Boynton, services as treasurer,	30 00	
Edward O. Day, services as auditor, 1886,	5 00	
Geo. H. Boynton, services as auditor, 1886	5 00	
C. E. Jackson, services as selectman,	96 00	
A. E. Wellman, " "	82 00	
W. E. Westgate, " "	120 00	
		$490 00

Recapitulation.

Total amount received, ...		$11,882 85
Amount of orders drawn:		
For support of schools, . .	$1213 63	
For support of county paupers .	356 27	
For support of town paupers .	470 44	
For plank, timber, tile and stone	368 62	
For labor on highway and bridges .	272 70	
For breaking roads . .	247 68	
For incidental expenses . .	9008 35	
For sheep killed by dogs .	61 00	
For taxes abated on book, 1884 .	4 20	
For taxes abated on book, 1885 .	5 97	
For taxes abated on book, 1886 .	1 43	
For town officers' services .	490 00	
		$12,500 29
Balance against the town . . .		$617 44

Orders Outstanding against the Town.

1886.				
Feb.	27	No. 277, W. D. Lear	$1 50	
Nov.	2	No. 89, Seth R. Cole	2 50	
1887.				
Jan.	22	No. 165, Lemuel M. Clement	40 00	
Feb.	7	No. 178, Freeman & O'Neil	47 42	
	11	No. 179, H. E. Grannis	25 11	
	18	No. 194, R. B. Ripley	1 00	
	18	No. 196, Seth R. Cole	6 00	
	24	No. 198, Geo. L. Deming	1 62	
	24	No. 201, Lizzie Carroll	4 00	
	24	No. 203, Samuel Putnam	4 00	
	24	No. 214, Sylvanus Wilder	21 50	
	24	No. 223, Edward Bryant	5 00	
	24	No. 226, S. A. Tracy	8 00	
	25	No. 246, E. S. Leavitt,	3 40	
	25	No. 248, A. S. Sisson	10 00	
	25	No. 252, Paul Davidson	6 00	
	25	No. 265, E. J. Russ	4 00	
	26	No. 274, Mrs. J. W. Pierce	4 00	
	26	No. 278, H. W. Deming	8 30	
	26	No. 284, J. Raynesford	4 80	
	26	No. 287, Jonathan Wyman	6 00	
	26	No. 299, E. S. Deming	5 78	
	26	No. 300, E. S. Deming	3 75	
	28	No. 301, Chester Pike	2 00	
	28	No. 302, Wm. M. Evarts	2 00	
				$227 68

The Liabilities of the Town

Are as follows:

Due on outstanding orders	$227 68	
Due school District No. 14	184 96	
Due Lemuel Martindale, agent to repair road, unexpended balance	22 25	
		$434 89

Outstanding claims:

For services of school board and clerk,	$132 25	

The Assets of the Town

Are as follows:

Due from County, for support of County paupers	$14 00	
Taxes uncollected for 1885	30 63	
Taxes uncollected for 1886	585 37	
Cash in hands of treasurer	7 14	
		$637 14
Leaving a balance in favor of the town of		$202 25

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM E. WESTGATE,) Selectmen
ALBERT E. WELLMAN, of
CHARLES E. JACKSON,) Cornish.

ACCOUNT OF THE DISPOSAL OF MONEY RAISED FOR RECORD BUILDING, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Marshall Harlow, for brick	$123 90
E. O. Day, lumber, lime, and labor with team	167 30
Lemuel Benway, labor	45 75
George Sweet, labor with team	35 00
C. H. Deming, labor, and team work	39 75
E. F. Spear, brick mason	48 37
J. A. Kendrick, brick mason	53 94
B. T. Harlow, brick mason and carpenter	36 30
George Truel, stone mason	47 00
H. R. Beckwith, plan of building	10 00
Fred Spaulding, labor	15 00
D. J. Spaulding, labor with team	15 97
L. E. Hilliard, lumber,	17 11
W. F. Howard, labor, errands, and board of help	16 10
Boynton Bros., material	13 61
E. C. Howard & Co., material	11 32

R. Amsden, material	2 25	
J. McGrath, slate and labor	45 06	
J. G. Briggs, door casings	2 85	
G. H. Stowell, trimmings	6 35	
R. Rawson, carpenter	16 84	
W. H. Harlow, labor with team	7 50	
P. C. Stearns, labor with team	4 00	
A. M. Dame, labor	2 90	
C. Tyler, labor	1 50	
H. Gould, lumber and paint	1 91	
Alvin Comings, lime and hair	4 08	
S. M. Sherburne, blacksmithing	7 00	
W. E. Westgate, labor	1 34	
		$800 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1886.			
March 13	Received of Orra S. Bugbee, former treasurer, cash on hand, March 1, 1886,		$257 50
	Received of Selectmen as follows:		
Apr. 16	From District No. 2,		$12 54
21	From District No. 1,		8 33
Aug. 11	From District No. 3,		2 38
Dec. 1	Railroad tax		162 69
	Savings bank tax		573 39
	Interest on literary fund		113 28
1887.			
Jan. 4	Int. on Foss fund, for support of poor		112 80
22	Interest on School fund		21 39
28	Of county, for support of poor		134 52

Feb.	18	From District No. 3	11 60
	18	Of county, for support of poor	207 75
	22	Bill of cost on Abel W. Fairbanks' suit	35 50
	25	On overdrawn order	91
	26	For building material sold	13 25
	26	Lebanon, for support of Caroline Jackson	177 10

Received of H. A. Weld, Collector, as follows:

1887.

Feb.	26	Interest on 1884 taxes	5 41
	26	Interest on 1885 taxes	13 14
	28	Interest on 1886 taxes	5 91
		Balance of 1884 taxes	42 89
		On 1885 taxes	731 42
		On 1886 taxes	9710 05
			$12,353 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid as principal on old orders	$72 50	
Paid as principal on new orders	12274 11	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	7 14	
		$12353 75

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of funds in hands of Treasurer, $470 87

DOG FUND.

Received of H. A. Weld, collector taxes assessed on dogs	$77 00
Orders drawn for damage done by dogs	61 00
	$16 00
Balance from report, March 1, 1886,	$23 00
Balance dog fund account, Mar. 1, 1887,	$39 00

Which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. BOYNTON, Treasurer.

JACOB FOSS LEGACY—TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

The undersigned, trustee of the Foss fund, makes the following report:

June 17, 1881, received of James M. Davidson, former trustee of the Foss fund, the amount of the legacy paid by the executor of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased		$2820 00
Received as interest on said fund, for the year ending Sept. 14, 1886		169 20
Paid the selectmen of Cornish, to be appropriated for the support of the poor of the town		112 80
Balance of interest to be appropriated for flags, fixtures, and putting up the same	$56 40	
Subtract interest overexpended last year	3 33	
		$53 07
Cash paid Boynton Bros., for twenty-four pounds of rope	$3 84	
Cash paid Robert J. Tasker, for putting rope in flag-pole at the Center	3 00	
Cash paid Boynton Bros., for twenty-five pounds of rope	3 50	
Cash paid James F. Tasker, for getting out and putting up flag-pole, near Geo. E. Hilliard's	35 00	
Personal services	3 00	
		$48 34
Interest unexpended		$4 73

Which is respectfully submitted,

LEMUEL MARTINDALE, Trustee.

LAW AGENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned Agent, chosen at the last annual town meeting, to defend or settle all suits at law in which the town may have an interest, would make the following report:

A suit was commenced at the January term, 1886, by Abel W. Fairbanks, for damage to horse on highway near South Cornish. Amount of damage claimed was one hundred dollars. The case was tried at the Sept. term, 1886, before Judge Clark, who, after viewing the highway, rendered a verdict in favor of the town.

Counsel for plaintiff, Ira Colby; for town, H. W. Parker.

The expense to the town has been as follows:

Paid H. W. Parker, three term fees, preparation and expense at time of trial, and examining highway	$48 50
Paid witnesses	13 60
For summoning witnesses	4 81
For use of hall, at trial,	2 00
Agent's time and expenses	15 50
Total paid out	$84 41
Received of Abel W. Fairbanks, bill of costs	35 50
Expense to town	$48 91

A suit was commenced at the September Term, 1886, by James S. Williamson, administrator of the estate of Caleb B. Williamson, for damage on highway leading from Cornish Flat by Daniel Farnsworth's. Amount of damage claimed was $2,000.00. This suit was settled by advice of counsel.

The expense to the town was as follows:

Paid J. S. Williamson, administrator,	$250 00
H. W. Parker, two term fees and time in settling case,	19 00
Agent's time and expenses,	5 00
Balance against the town,	$274 00

Colby for plaintiff, Parker for town.

A suit was commenced at the September Term, 1886, by McCollough and Nichols, for damage to carriage on highway near W. E. Chadbourne's. Amount of damage claimed is $500. This suit was continued at the January Term, 1887.

The expense to the town has been as follows:

Paid H. W. Parker, two term fees,	$16 00
Agent's time and expenses,	2 00
Balance against the town,	$18 00

Colby for plaintiff, Parker for town.

A suit was commenced at January Term, 1887, by George H. Jacobs, for damage on highway near Orra A. Kelley's. Amount of damage claimed is $5.000.00. This case was continued. Expense to town has been as follows:

Paid H. W. Parker, two term fees,	$16 00
Agent's time and expenses,	5 00
Balance against the town,	$21 00

A. S. Wait, for plaintiff; H. W. Parker, for town.

The following notices have been received for damage on highway. O. S. Ferry, who was with C. B. Williamson. Damage claimed, $400.

Cost to town, H. W. Parker, term fees, $8 00

Fred H. Richardson's claim for damage, on highway near W. Stuart's, is $500.

State v. Cornish, Terry road indictment.
Cost to town, H. W. Parker, term fees, $8 00

Which is respectfully submitted.

W. E. WESTGATE, Agent.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same correctly cast, and properly vouched.

STEPHEN A. TRACY, }
FRANK H. WELD, } Auditors.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the school district in the town of Cornish, qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said district, on the eighth day of March, 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1 To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2 To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3 To choose a member of school board for the ensuing three years.

4 To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subjects embraced in this warrant.

5 To hear the reports of officers, auditors or committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6 To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for the support of schools in addition to the tax required by law.

7 To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise to pay debts of the district.

8 To see what sum of money the district will vote for permanent repairs of school houses, including furniture and apparatus.

9 To see if the district will vote to purchase a lot near South Cornish post office, and build a school house thereon, and raise money therefor.

Given under our hands, at said Cornish, this nineteenth day of February, 1887.

CHESTER PIKE,
HERBERT DEMING,
WM. H. CHILD,
} School Board of Cornish.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT.

We herewith present to the citizens of Cornish our first annual report of the condition and prospects of our schools under the new law. It was with many fears and misgivings, as to the practacability of the school system as well as regarding a proper administration of the same, that each member of the Board entered upon his duties a year ago. The course to be pursued in a multitude of instances, owing to the fact of their being no established precedent was not in all cases, clearly discernable; but feeling our way slowly, and acting agreeably to our best united judgment, we have, as we trust, been in some measure successful in carrying out the provisions of the law, and at the same time promoting the interests of education.

It was no inviting task to undertake to administer a law against which the tide of opposition run so high as it did against our present school law a year since. During the entire year it has been our fixed policy to carry out the evident intent of the law, that you might be able to judge of its merits, and at the same time to act as far as we could in harmony with the best interests of the schools. We have so far as possible in all cases avoided the execution of the radical features of the law where they seemed to be in conflict with either social or personal interests, and the result has been that only very few cases of collision have occurred.

It is a fact, however, as said by our predecessor, that "no system can be a success which does not receive the support of the people." We have differed with some of our townsmen in relation to the law. We have felt that this law was not designed to make radical changes in advance of public sentiment, and have made only such changes as we considered were for the public good. We have tried to locate the schools in divisions where the greatest number would be accommodated, and then set up equally good schools of equal length in each of these divisions, thus giving to each pupil equal school advantages as far as practicable, adopting the following list of prices

for conveying scholars living more than 1½ miles from school, to and from school, viz: six cents per mile for all distances over 1½ miles and less than 2 miles; eight cts. per mile for 2 miles and less than 2½ miles; ten cts. per mile for 2½ miles and less than 3 miles, and 12½ cts. per mile for 3 miles and over, for each scholar conveyed too and from school, the attendance to be shown and settlement made by the teacher's register, at close of term. We have maintained 25 schools in our district the past year, taught by 16 different teachers—15 females and one male. There have been 26 weeks of school, available to all the children of the town, viz: 9 weeks of school in summer in 12 divisions; 8 weeks in fall, in 4 divisions; 9 weeks in winter, in 9 divisions. This is exclusive of an extended school of 3 weeks, in division 1, and of any private schools. The financial means at our disposal not being sufficient to warrant a continuance of the schools, they were, with the above exceptions, all closed on January 28th ult. We cannot speak of these schools as compared with former years, but can safely say, as a whole, they have been a success. We have tried to impress upon the teachers and scholars the importance of the old motto, "not how much but how well. Locke and Lessing both declared *that the secret of learning was to learn one thing at a time*, and it is the radical fault of our public school system, that we overload children's minds with too great a variety of studies. Quite a large number of the teachers employed are residents of Cornish, and most of them graduates of academies, and experienced teachers, and all were qualified for their work.

While all the matters relating to the general interests of the schools have been sanctioned by the full Board, the supervision of the prudential and literary concerns of the district have been, for the sake of convenience and economy, divided among the members of the Board, each one having the immediate oversight of the schools nearest him, as well as a general supervision of the whole. Appended to this report is a tabular statement of all the details of each school in town during the past year. We have retained the numbers of the old districts for the sake of convenience, calling them divisions of the district. It is perhaps becoming us, and also a duty we owe to you and the interests of education in our town that we make a few recommendations for your consideration.

First, We believe that the ordinary school fund is somewhat insufficient to meet the just demands upon it and that we should have a greater number of weeks of school; hence we advise an additional appropriation for this, as also to meet other necessary expenses of the schools.

Second, We would recommend for favorable consideration Art. 9 of the Warrant, in respect to a new school house at South Cornish.

Third, That the district or town become the owner of the school books in use, assuming control of the same, and make such additions and appropriations from time to time as the circumstances of the case may demand.

Fourth, Lastly but not least, we would earnestly urge a deeper interest in this very important work of the education of our children and youth. While we may each of us be watching our own personal interests with jealous care, we should not be unmindful of the fact, that the education of our youth has as high if not higher claim than even these upon us, for they are in very many regards identical. Let us then respond to these claims, and every way possible seek to advance the great work.

We make the following individual mention of each school in brief.

DIVISION 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mattie E. Weld of Cornish, a teacher of experience. Miss Weld has the faculty of governing her pupils and at the same time winning their respect. The examination at the close of the term, especially the drill in the several classes, was excellent. No. of scholars, 9; wages, $20.00.

The winter term was taught by Miss Gratia S. Chadbourne, who made so successful a beginning in summer school in Division 3. A continuance of the same discipline, and earnest work made this her second school, a success. No. of scholars, 9; wages, $18.00.

DIVISION 2.

The summer and winter schools were under the instruction of Miss Mattie E. Westgate of Cornish, who has taught several terms in this division with success, and fully sustaining her former reputation in this school. The examinations at the close of each term were very satisfactory. No. of scholars, 7; wages, $18.00.

DIVISION 3.

The summer term was taught by Miss Gratia S. Chadbourne of Cornish. This was Miss Chadbourne's first attempt at teaching, but at the first visit we were convinced of success, both in instruction and discipline. The closing examination confirmed our first conviction. No. of scholars, 13; wages, $16.00.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Nettie G. Williams of Cornish, who fully sustained her former excellent reputation as a teacher. Miss Williams is entitled to the credit of earnest and efficient work in behalf of the pupils of this school, who have made marked progress. No. of scholars, 17; wages, $20.00.

DIVISION 4.

Summer and fall terms taught by Miss Minnie S. Wood, a teacher that comes prepared for her duties before entering school, teaching orally to a large extent, and not confined to text books. The school has enjoyed the services of Miss Wood for six terms in succession. The scholars have done exeedingly well, and the school ranks among the most successful. No. of scholars in summer, 7; No. of scholars in fall, 10; wages, $17.00.

DIVISION 5.

Miss Emily N. Tracy of Cornish, taught the summer term. Miss Tracy is an efficient teacher—she enforced good order. Her demand for thorough work was responded to. The closing examination was excellent. No. of scholars, 7; wages, $17.00.

Winter term taught by Miss Ida L. Child. The same good order as was kept by Miss Child, in No. 16. All seemed to work well for the good of the school. The advanced classes in arithmetic seemed to have done *very well*, and the progress in reading was especially noticeable among the smaller pupils. The school was a success. No. of scholars, 11; wages, $20.00.

DIVISION 6.

This division has enjoyed a school, three terms during the year. It is our largest school in town. Three teachers have taught, each being successful. The summer term was taught by Miss Emma L.

Hilliard, and the fall by Miss L. S. Chadbourne, both of Cornish. Both of these teachers gave good satisfaction, and the schools made good progress. The winter term was taught by Mr. George L. Deming, of long established reputation as a good teacher. This term was not a whit behind Mr. Deming's former experiences as to good and satisfactory results. No. of scholars—28 in summer, 33 in fall, 41 in winter. Wages, including board, $20.00 in summer, $24.00 in fall, and $32.00 in winter.

DIVISION 7.

This school has enjoyed the services of two good teachers, each giving excellent satisfaction. The summer school was taught by Miss Nettie S. Williams of Cornish. Miss W. succeeds in winning the affections of her pupils and at the same time advancing the best interests of the school. This is a small school at present, but has some fine scholars. No. of scholars, 10; wages, $18.00.

Winter term, taught by Miss Emily N. Tracy. The school was small, but one of much merit. All cooperated with the teacher, which is necessary for the best results. The close of school showed good progress. The school was continued one week longer at private expense, thus testifying the appreciation of Miss Tracy's services. No. of scholars, 6; wages, $20.00.

DIVISION 8.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mattie A. Ellis of Cornish, who had formerly taught this school. She gave good satisfaction, and seems admirably adapted to teaching the little ones, and succeeds in securing their affections. The winter term was taught by Miss M. Maude Soule of Lebanon, a teacher of good literary qualifications, and of considerable experience and success. The order and appearance of the school was good, and the progress generally satisfactory. No. of scholars—12 in summer, 17 in winter; wages, $17. in summer, $20.00 in winter.

DIVISION 9.

Summer term, taught by Miss Anna B. Swain, a teacher of considerable experience. What seemed like a little prejudice at first, soon wore away. The school was brought into fine order under the teacher's firm rule: devoting much time out of usual school hours, for the benefit of her pupils. At the end of the term, after the usual exercises of the day, school closed with declamations and

compositions by the pupils, which were highly creditable to all. No. of scholars, 12; wages, $18.00.

Fall term, taught by Miss Emily N. Tracy. The school was quite large, several pupils attending from a considerable distance, showing a good degree of interest. Miss Tracy's pleasant manner of teaching won the respect and confidence of her pupils, necessary for a good school, The teacher worked with energy and persevering effort for the good of the school. Here were too many classes for the best advancement. The examination, at close of school, was very satisfactory. No. of scholars, 35; wages, $20.00.

DIVISION 10.

The summer term was taught by Miss Luette J. Morgan of Cornish. Miss M. has a very happy faculty of interesting her pupils in their studies, and thus making her services of value to her school. Her school made excellent progress.

The winter term was taught by Miss Lizzie F. French of Plainfield. This was her first experience in teaching. Miss F. labored hard to make the school a success, and we think her efforts were well rewarded by the satisfaction given, and the progress made in all branches, especially in reading. This is one of our most advanced schools. No. of scholars, 13 in summer, 16 in winter; wages, $18.00 in summer; $19.00 in winter.

DIVISION 11.

Summer term, taught by Mrs. K. A. Westgate. All interested in this school anticipated the best results. The smaller scholars did well; but the teacher failed to bring about that progress in the older scholars looked for at the beginning. A pleasing entertainment of dialogues and declamations was given near the close of the school. No. of scholars, 19; wages, $18.00.

Winter term, taught by Miss Lizzie S. Chadbourne, a teacher of experience, and ability to instruct. Here was a large class of pupils attending school, evidently to learn. The order was good and the progress very commendable. The closing examination of the school was highly creditable to teacher and scholars. No. of scholars, 27; wages, $16.00.

DIVISION 16.

Summer term, taught by Miss Ida L. Child, a beginner. The school was marked by good order, and an impression upon the pupils

to get perfect lessons. The closing examination showed good improvement, and a general satisfaction was given. No. of scholars, 10; wages, $17.00.

CHESTER PIKE,
HERBERT DEMING,
WM. H. CHILD,
} School Board of Cornish.

February 24, 1887.

SCHOOL BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT.

1886.		RECEIPTS.	
July	3	Received of the town treasurer, as per order	$600 00
Oct.	28	Received of the town treasurer, by Wm. E. Westgate, as per order	150 00
1887.			
Jan.	28	Received of the town treasurer, as per order	463 63
Feb.	19	Received of the school board of Plainfield, for tuition,	
		W. P. Thrasher's tax	1 93
		C. Pike, (Marcott occupant) ½ tax	2 33
		Willis Cole, tax	2 86
		—— Blood, tax	37
		W. P. Thrasher's tax, assessed in '84, '85	2 69
		Total	$1,223 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid teacher for Summer term of 9 weeks.

1886.			
July	1	Miss Ida L. Child, in No. 16	$24 75
	5	" Mattie E. Weld, in No. 1	27 00
		" Gratia S. Chadbourne, in No. 3	22 50
		" Mattie E. Westgate, including board in No. 2	40 50
		Miss Emma L. Hilliard, including board, in No. 6	45 00

July	5	Miss Nettie G. Williams, in No. 7	$27 00
		Miss Emily N. Tracy, in No. 5	24 75
		Miss Anna B. Swain, in No. 9	27 00
	6	Miss Minnie S. Wood, including board in No. 4	38 25
		Miss Luette J. Morgan, in No. 10	27 00
	12	Mrs. Kate A. Westgate, including board, in No. 11	40 50
	22	Miss Mattie A. Ellis, in No. 8	24 75
		Total	$369 00

Amount paid teachers, for Fall term of 8 weeks.

1886.			
Oct.	30	Miss L. S. Chadbourne, in No. 6	$32 00
Nov.	2	" Minnie S. Wood, including board, in No. 4	34 00
		Miss Emily N. Tracy, in No. 9	28 00
	3	Miss Nettie G. Williams, including board in No. 3	36 00
		Total	$130 00

Amount paid teachers, for Winter term of 9 weeks.

1887.			
Jan.	29	Miss Ida L. Child, in No. 5	$27 00
		Miss M. M. Soule, in No. 8	31 50
		Miss L. F. French, in No. 10	27 00
Feb.	1	Miss Nettie G. Williams, including board in No. 3	45 00
	3	Miss Emily N. Tracy, including board in No. 7	45 00
		Mr. George L. Deming, including board in No. 6	72 00
	5	Miss Lizzie S. Chadbourne, in No. 11	36 00
	15	Miss Mattie E. Westgate, including board in No. 2	40 50
	19	Miss Gratia S. Chadbourne, including board, in No. 1	54 00
		Total	$378 00
		Total amount paid teachers	$877 00

Amount paid for teachers' board in Summer.

1886.			
July	1	F. H. Cass	$13 50
		Jerome J. Wilder	13 50
		Cynthia Gates	13 50
		Mrs. Wm. C. Smith	13 50
	5	Rev. James T. Jackson	13 50
	9	J. W. Pierce	13 50
	23	E. G. Kenyon	13 50
	31	William E. Chadbourne	17 56
		Total	$112 06

Amount paid for teachers' board in Fall.

1886.			
Oct.	30	G. F. Phillips	$16 00
Nov.	2	Wm. C. Smith	12 00
		Total	$28 00

Amount paid for teachers' board in Winter.

1887.			
Jan.	28	Cynthia Gates	$18 00
	29	J. W. Pierce	15 75
		J. S. Chase	12 75
Feb.	9	Daniel D. Bartlett	18 00
		Total	$64 50
		Total amount paid for board	$204 56

Paid for wood.

1886.				
June	14	Geo. E. Fairbanks,	1½ cords of wood	$6 00
July	1	Ed. E. Johnson,	2 " "	8 00
		F. H. Cass,	½ " "	1 50
	5	Boynton Bros.,	3 " "	12 00
Sept.	9	Henry Walker,	½ " "	2 50
Oct.	23	S. W. Wilder,	1½ " "	6 00
Nov.	26	Wm. E. Deming,	5 " "	17 50

1887.			
Jan. 22	W. E. Westgate, 1½ cords of wood..	$6	00
29	Joseph S. Chase, 1 " " ..	4	00
	Total	$63	50
	Total amount paid for wood.....	$63	50

Sundry Expenses.

1886.			
May 13	E. C. Howard, box of crayons.....	$	15
July 1	S.A. Tracy, cleaning school house in No. 3	1	00
	" chalk, for No. 3.....		20
2	Mrs. Marion A. Smith, cleaning school house in No. 9.....	1	00
5	W. F. Howard, boy's services as janitor in No. 6.....		75
	R. Rawson, cleaning school house in No. 6	3	00
	R. Rawson, repairs, " No. 6	2	05
	C. D. Nevens, cleaning " No. 8	1	00
	" repairs " No. 8		50
9	Mrs H. Hilliard, cleaning " No10		75
31	Wm. E. Chadbourne, cleaning school house, and repairs in No. 1.....	1	75
Sept. 5	Penniman & Putnam's bill.....		59
7	Edward Pendleton, sawing one cord wood in No. 11.....		50
Oct. 30	W. F. Howard, boy's services as janitor in No. 6.....		75
Nov. 26	W. E. Deming, 2 lights of glass for No. 7		20
1887.			
Jan. 22	Edward Bryant, repairs in No. 2.....	1	50
28	N. J. Ellis, building fires in No. 7.....	2	00
	Clarence C. Walker, building fires in No. 5	1	50
29	W. F. Howard, boy's services as janitor in No. 6.....	1	08
	E. O. Goward, son's services as janitor in No. 8.....	1	12
	Hiram Hilliard, serv's as janitor in No. 10	1	00
	Samuel Hutchinson, conveying pupils to No. 9.....	7	44

Feb.	1	Henry Richardson, build'g fires in No. 11	1 25
	3	Charles E. Bryant " " No. 2	2 70
	5	Seth C. Deming, conveying pupils to No. 9	2 80
		J. W. Pierce, " " No. 9	3 20
		A. P. Thrasher, " " No. 9	3 04
		L. S. Chadbourne, box chalk.....	25
	9	Chas. A. Tracy, building fires in No. 3..	2 70
	17	Wm. E. Chadbourne, shovel for No. 1..	25
		H. S. Putnam, building fires in No. 1...	3 60
	19	H. W. Child, sundry articles furnished..	4 79
	23	W. C. Smith, repairing outbuildings in No. 9.....	1 40
		Total	$55 81

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received.....	$1223 81
Total amount paid out.....	1200 87
Amount in Treasurer's hands.....	$22 94

HERBERT DEMING,
Treasurer of School Board.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing statement, to which the School Board and Treasurer of School Board, of the Town of Cornish have affixed their signatures, do hereby certify that we find their accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM BALLOCH,)
WILLIAM TANDY,) Auditors.

Claims against the District.

William Tandy, for stove in Division 11.....	8 92
E. O. Goward, services for grading in Division 8..	2 00
R. Rawson, stove pipe in Division 6.....	1 50

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of School.	Terms.	Names of Teachers.	Length in weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in History.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Book-keep'g	No. in Physiology.	No. in Astronomy.	No. in Composition	No. in Vocal music.
1	Summer ...	Mattie E. Weld.....	9	9	7	9	9	8	7	3	2	9					9	9
	Winter	Gratia S. Chadbourne.	12	9	8	9	9	9	8	6	2	1						
2	Summer ...	Mattie Westgate.....	9	7	6	7	7	3	7	6	6							
	Winter	Mattie Westgate.....	9	4	4	4	4		4	4	4							
3	Summer ...	Gratia S. Chadbourne.	9	13	9	12	12	12	11	8	2	1	1		1			
	Fall.....	Nettie G. Williams...	8	14	11	14	14	10	13	10	4	3	1		2			
	Winter	Nettie G. Williams...	9	17	15	17	17	10	17	8	3		1		2			
4	Summer ...	Minnie S. Wood.....	9	7	6	4	4	6	7	4	1				1			
	Fall.....	Minnie S. Wood.....	8	10	9	10	10	8	10	6	1				2			
5	Summer ...	Emily N. Tracy	9	7	6	7	7	7	7	6	1							
	Winter	Ida L. Child.....	9	11	10.5	11	11	11	11	6	4		1					
6	Summer ...	Emma L. Hilliard....	9	28	26	28	28	13	24	13	3	3			3			
	Fall.....	L. S. Chadbourne.....	8	33	31	32	31	24	20	13	7			1	25			
	Winter	George L. Deming...	9	41	34	37	41		37	25	11	7	3		2			
7	Summer ...	Nettie G. Williams....	9	10	9	10	10	7	10	6	7	3	1					
	Winter.....	Emily N. Tracy.....	9	6	6	6	6	4	6	3	5	1	1		1			
8	Summer ...	Mattie A. Ellis.....	9	14	9	11	11	8	11	8	3							
	Winter	M. Maude Soule.....	9	17	13	17	17	9	15	12	7	2	2	1		1		
9	Summer ...	Anna B. Swain.....	9	11	8	11	11	8	8	6	2	2			1		8	
	Fall.....	Emily N. Tracy.....	8	35	30	31	35		29	20	12	2			11			
10	Summer ...	Luette J. Morgan.....	9	14	13	14	14	14	11	8	3		1					
	Winter.....	Lizzie F. French.....	9	16	14	15	16	11	15	11	6		1		3			
11	Summer ...	Kate A. Westgate....	9	19	17	19	19	13	11	11	7				5		9	
	Winter.....	L. S. Chadbourne.....	9	27	25	27	27	17	27	11	9			4			18	
16	Summer ...	Ida L. Child.....	9	11	10	11	11	9	7	5	2							

TABLE NO. 2.

Whole number of scholars, not less than five years, who have attended school not less than two weeks in town	194
No of persons between 14 and 21, unable to read and write	0
No. of children reported by Selectmen—males, 77, females, 88	165
No. of children between 5 and 15 not attending school	0
No. of visits of School Board	53
No. of visits of citizens	342
Amount of money raised by law	$1213.63
Literary fund	$21.39
Dog money	0

CHESTER PIKE,)
HERBERT DEMING, School Board of
WM. H. CHILD,) Cornish.

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the town of Cornish, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March, next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd. To choose by ballot and majorioty vote a town clerk.

3rd. To choose three selectmen, and all necessary town officers, and agents, for the ensuing year.

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges the ensuing year, and determine whether the same shall be paid in money or labor.

6th. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a liquor agent the ensuing year.

7th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the improvement of the several cemeteries in town.

8th. To see what action the town will take with regard to the several suits at law and other suits pending.

9th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of the town house.

10th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Representative to the General Court to use all reasonable means to secure the repeal of the present School Law.

11th. To see if the town will vote to pay bills of the school board and clerk for services for the years 1886 and 1887, and instruct the selectmen to draw orders therefor.

12th. To see if the town will vote to furnish school-books free to all scholars attending public schools, and pay for the same out of money in the treasury.

13th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for Decoration Day.

14th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen not to deliver the blank invoice bills until the first of April, agreeable to the amendment of Chapter 55, of the Generel Laws.

15th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road commencing at intersection of old and new roads near Henry L. Fletcher's to intersection of the same near said H. L. Fletcher's barn.

16th. To hear the report of officers, agents, auditors, or committees, heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, this the eighteenth day of February, 1887.

WILLIAM E. WESTGATE,
ALBERT E. WELLMAN,
CHARLES E. JACKSON,
} Selectmen of Cornish.